

MCDONALD, Ean Lawrence (1918-2011)

Ean Lawrence McDonald was born in Melbourne on 3 September 1918. His family later moved to Perth and he was educated at Perth Boys School and the Perth Technical College where he obtained a degree in architecture.

In 1938 he joined the Royal Australian Naval Reserve as an Ordinary Signaller and was called up to serve in the Royal Australian Navy on the 3rd September 1939, at the beginning of World War II.

McDonald served on the HMAS Sydney, Stuart, Vampire, Voyager, Vendetta, Waterhen, Perth and Cerberus. After the war ended in 1945, he practised architecture with Edwin Whitaker in the architectural firm, Ean McDonald & Whitaker, designing buildings such as the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Geraldton and the Church of the Holy Apostles in Carnamah. Ean also designed the series of sculpted arches at the Blackboy Hill Commemoration Site.

As well as being an architect and a naval reservist, Ean was a Perth City Councillor, a business proprietor, a Master Mariner and an author of several non-fiction books, including an autobiography.

Note: Photographs have been transferred to Pictorial Collection, [BA3283](#)

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759	2867A	4 cm	Ca. 1981	BA/PA/03/0039	
	9069A	34 cm	9 February 2010		
	9083A	1 cm			
	10334A	52 cm (3 boxes, 1 OSM)	18 December 2013		

SUMMARY OF CLASSES

ACCOUNTS	JOURNALS
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ACC		ACCOUNTS
9069A/1	1965-1968	Accounts for North West Scholarship Trust
		BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
10334A/1		HMAS Shepparton, crew member Ean McDonald, a potted biography. 1 page Record of service in the Navy of Ean McDonald. Photocopies

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		CERTIFICATES
10334A/2	1918; 1952	1918. Birth of Ean McDonald. Extract of entry 1934. Junior certificate 1937. Federal Institute of Accountants. Intermediate examination 1952. Architects Board of W.A. registration certificate 2000. Adult Learners Week. Outstanding tutor 2003. RSL service award for 50 years service 2006. School Volunteer Program service 2008. School Volunteer Program service 2008. HMAS Sydney II commemorative service participation n.d. HMAS Sydney II Research Group service 2009. Perth Legacy. Reserve membership
10334A/36 CHART SHELVES		1952. Associateship in Architecture. Perth Technical College 1952. Associate of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects
		DIARIES
10334A/3	1945	5 January 1945 – 17 September 1945. HMAS 'Shepparton', First Lieutenant's daily orders. Hand written 31 March 1945 – 17 September 1945. HMAS 'Shepparton', First Lieutenant's night orders. Hand written
		FILES
10334A/4	1932 – 1934; 1978 - 2008	1932. Perth Boys School class photograph. Photocopy 1932-1934. Perth Boys School reports for Ean McDonald 1933. Perth Boys School cycling race. News article with photograph. Some names identified including McDonald. Photocopy 1978 - 2008. Class of 32. News articles, name lists and poem relating to class reunions
10334A/5	1939 - 1999	HMAS Shepparton, also Leeuwin and Stuart. Sketch of HMAS Shepparton ship – rough log of activities of Shepparton -- correspondence – news articles – reunion notes -- photographs of Ean McDonald -- photograph of some RANR signalmen "Leeuwin" (photocopy) -- Corvettes of the Royal Australian Navy (folded poster)
10334A/6	1940 - 1945	1940 - 1941. W/T [Wireless Telegraph] operator's log. On board HMAS Stuart. Booklet with hand written notes 1945. Dit: the R.A.N. bulletin
10334A/7	1941	Report on the qualifications of surveying officers (1 page)
10334A/8	1943	Navy notes Report of attack by enemy aircraft – Naval message form – newspaper articles – 40 mm Bofors gun mounted in HMAS Shepparton, drawing
10334A/9	1943 - 1944	HMAS Shepparton. Operating instructions relating to fire fighting, maintenance report, deck log, gunnery training, standing orders, drawings, play script. Includes a map of Dampier Strait: Siassi Islands – Nesup channel, sketch survey by HMAS Shepparton 1943
10334A/10.1	1934	Agricultural science. School note book for Junior school certificate
10334A/10.2	1934	English. School note book for Junior school certificate
10334A/10.3	1946	Mathematics; physics. School note books for Leaving certificate
10334A/11	1947 - 1948	Notes on elements of architecture. School of Architecture, Technical College, Perth/ loose pages, hand written

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10334A/12	1956	The Lakes Tea Rooms. Accounts – plans -- correspondence
10334A/13	1958 - 1984	Civil emergency program, Perth City Council. Ex Naval Men's Association re civil bush fire defence organisation – letter to the Premier re civil bush fire defence – letter to the editor of the West Australian newspaper -- address at a civil emergency reception
10334A/14	1959 - 2006	Blackboy Hill commemoration site. Sculptured arches designed by Ean McDonald. Leaflet – address by Ean McDonald -- souvenir programme of launch of appeal – the Naval Ode (verse) -- newspaper articles
10334A/15	1998	Blackboy Hill commemoration monument. Essay by Andrea McGellin, Curtin University student
10334A/16	N.d. [1960s]	Architecture office reference material. File with notes and leaflets
9069A/2	1965-1966	Notes, address lists and articles related to North West Scholarship, established by Ean McDonald
9069A/3	1965-1966	Planning notes and itineraries for winner of North West Scholarship, Mr Simon Holthouse
10334A/17	1966 - 1990	Coral Bay (named by Ean McDonald) Conceptual plans, drawings, news articles, etc. for resort development
10334A/18	1966 - 1969	West Australian Petroleum Pty Ltd. Barrow Island. Ean McDonald, architect. Accounts – correspondence – campsite planning – estimates – brief – building drawing
10334A/19	1966 - 1969	West Australian Petroleum Pty Ltd. Barrow Island. Amendments – report -- supplementary report – aerial photographs – site plan layout – building plans – final report – reunion attendee list
9069A/4	1973-1976	File of information related to Ean McDonald's shearing shed design. Includes correspondence, notes and newspaper cuttings
9069A/5	1973-1976	File of information on work with Westfarmers Homes. Includes correspondence, newspaper cuttings, notes and brochure
9083A	1925-1956	File includes school photographs, some original, some photocopies; Leaving certificate dated 1947; 1956 article from <i>The Architect</i> and brochure on the Blackboy Hill Commemoration Site
10334A/20	1983 - 1986	Bold Park amphitheatre project. Reports – summary of proposed design objectives – recommendation – correspondence – sketch – news articles -- plan
10334A/21	1984 - 1991	Burswood Island Casino project and Perth City Council. Concerns re location of Casino to be built at Kagoshima Park. Correspondence – site plan – newspaper article – notes, reports
10334A/22	1984 - 1991	Burswood Island Casino project and Perth City Council. Extract from <i>90 Not Out</i> re Casino -- newspaper articles
10334A/23	1984 - 1998	HMAS Sydney. Notes re interview with signalman A.B. Ean McDonald and John McArthur – correspondence – statements , interviews, notes from witnesses – news article
10334A/24	1991 - 2001	Playlovers Dramatic Club. Letter with brief history of club – Playlovers: an analysis by Ean McDonald – Playlovers Inc. chronicle – honorary life membership awarded to Ean McDonald

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		FINANCIAL RECORDS
10334A/25	1954 - 1971	Cost record book. Ean McDonald and Associates. Exercise book with list of architectural jobs
		HISTORIES
10334A/26	April 1994 – May 1994	Articles (4) about history of Belmont area by Ean McDonald, published in Southern Gazette newspaper
		JOURNALS
10334A/27	Undated [ca. 1940]	Navy study notes of Lieut. Ean McDonald. Four exercise books with hand written notes
10334A/28	1942 - 1944	Navigators journal. Flinders Naval Depot student notes – HMAS Shepparton observations – hydrographic survey operations
		LETTERS
2867A/1 MICROFILM	1 March 1937-29 August 1948	Written to his mother, Mrs Eva McDonald. The majority of the letters are written during World War Two and reflect his adventures in and feelings about the war. These letters were lent for copying in 1981. The original letters were donated in 2010 and form Accession 9069A.
9069A/6	1-6 March 1937	Two letters to his mother
9069A/7	23 November -26 December 1939	Three letters to his mother, two written from H.M.A.S. Sydney
9069A/8	2-30 January 1940	Five letters to his mother, some written from H.M.A.S. Sydney
9069A/9	16 July-29 December 1940	21 letters to his mother, some with cut-outs from being censored
9069A/10	2 January-27 June 1941	21 letters to his mother. Also includes typescript of account of Battle of Matapan
10334A/29	1, 11 July 1941	Two letters to his mother. One letter was written at Amariah Egypt after sinking of 'Waterhen'
9069A/11	4 July-27 December 1941	19 letters to mother, some with cut-outs from being censored
9069A/12	8 January-30 June 1942	12 Letters to his mother
9069A/13	21 July-19 November 1942	Four letters to his mother
9069A/14	7 February-19 June 1943	Five letters to his mother
9069A/15	20 August-28 December 1943	Nine letters to his mother
10334A/30	23 September 1943	Letter from Hydrographic Branch, identifying a sketch of a Dolphin fish
9069A/16	20 January - December 1944	Six letters to his mother
9069A/17	13 April-26 September 1945	Four letters to his mother
9069A/18	29 August 1948	Letter to his mother
9069A/19	n.d.	Four undated letters or parts of letters to his mother
9069A/20	23 March-22 December 1940	Letters to his fiancée Claire Hatton while away with the Navy
9069A/21	1 January-28 December 1941	Letters to his fiancée Claire Hatton while away with the Navy

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9069A/22	4 January-15 December 1942	Letters to his wife Claire while away with the Navy
9069A/23	5 January-28 June 1943	Letters to his wife Claire while away with the Navy
9069A/24	8 July-31 December 1943	Letters to his wife Claire while away with the Navy
9069A/25	4 January-28 December 1944	Letters to his wife Claire while away with the Navy
9069A/26	2 January-25 September 1945	Letters to his wife Claire while away with the Navy
9069A/27	n.d.	Undated letters to his wife Claire while away with the Navy
9069A/28	20 October 1965-27 February 1967	Outwards correspondence related to North West Scholarship
9069A/29	22 October 1965-8 May 1967	Inwards correspondence related to North West Scholarship
9069A/30	1965-1966	Correspondence with and related to Mr B. Saini from Melbourne University
10334A/31	1984 - 1985	Letter to Battye Library re discovery of gold at Boddington
10334A/32	2008	Letters to politicians re his book "Finders keepers or who put Australia on the map"
		MEMOIRS
10334A/33	Undated	Dad, by Ean McDonald. Project notes: On shopping centres -- Agendas [as Perth City Councillor] -- Allandale Square building -- The US Trip -- City Living - - Parliamentary precinct -- Americup [sic] -- Art in buildings -- Griffin 1000 cycle race -- Bold Park Amphitheatre -- The Leisure Ministry
		POEMS AND PROSE
10334A/34		The Surveyors Song. Fix em all -- A lament
		REPORTS
9069A/31	1966	Typescript and duplicate of Holthouse Report
		SKETCHES
10334A/35	n.d.; 1948	Caricatures of people -- Melbourne air race aircraft -- Gascoyne Junction hotel and post office
10334A/37 CHART SHELVES	?1949	Profile drawing of station wagon [car] for Ean McDonald esq. Referred to in <i>90 Not Out</i> , book by McDonald, published 2009
		TELEGRAMS
2867A/2 Microfilm	14 July 1941	To his mother.
9069A/32	14 July 1941	Telegram to his mother. Original paper copy

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